

March 3, 2005

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, President. There was a quorum.

**Committee Members Present**

Councilmember Ron Roberts	President
Councilmember Toni Young	1st Vice President
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia	Chair TCC
Councilmember Richard Dixon	Chair, Admin Committee

**Committee Members Not Present**

Councilmember Margaret Clark	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD

**Others Present**

Councilmember Sid Tyler	RC Member
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**Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant  
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**President Roberts**

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

## **3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **3.1 Approval Items**

#### **3.1.1 Approval of March 3, 2005 Minutes**

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **3.1.2 Federal Lobbyist Report**

John Cline, C2 Group, reported that the Transportation Infrastructure Committee marked up their reauthorization bill on March 2, 2004. The bill unanimously passed out of committee and will go to the House during the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cline stated that there would be a number of amendments, however the leadership will probably take an approach limit the structure and number of those amendments.

He stated that on the senate side the schedule is still unclear as to how they will proceed. The chair of the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, continues to maintain that he would like to have a \$318 billion dollar bill which is significantly higher than what the President has proposed in his Budget. The Administration revised their proposal from \$256 billion to \$284 billion. Mr. Cline noted that there appears to be another delay in the process. However there are some predictions that it may move very quickly in which EPW and Banking Committees would pass out of committee a bill that would add up to \$284 billion and on the senate floor it would be amended up to the \$318 billion dollars.

#### **Appropriations Committee Restructuring**

The House restructured their subcommittees on the Appropriations Committee from 13 to 10, in which the DC Appropriations and the Legislative Branch Appropriations subcommittees were merged into full committee or into other subcommittees. Mr. Istook is no longer chair of the Transportation Treasury Subcommittee.

#### **Consensus Trip**

Mr. Cline stated that the consensus trip meetings were very productive on the Hill. Particularly a meeting with Graham Hill of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee staff, who was very constructive on a number of

issues including his predictions regarding there being no amendments introduced.

He reported on another positive and insightful meeting with Jeff Shane, Under Secretary, Policy, and Tyler Duvall, Assistant Secretary, Policy for Federal DOT regarding general policies of the Department of Transportation as well as their reactions to policy proposals that had advanced in the reauthorization effort.

#### 3.1.3 Status of Native American Outreach

Don Rhodes, Manager, Gov Affairs, stated that Joe Myers has been meeting with the various tribes for purposes of gathering information and next steps regarding proceeding with another Native American Summit.

President Roberts requested that Mr. Myers submit a written report by the April meeting on the following: 1) The name of tribes he's met with; and 2) Possibly the date & time of next summit.

#### 3.1.4 Federal Reauthorization and Appropriations Requests

Don Rhodes reported that letters will be mailed supporting various requests by CTCs and local agencies that are consistent with the consensus document.

### **4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano stated that the Classification and Compensation Study Strategy will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee in April.

Mark Pisano gave a brief overview of the Goods Movement Policy Paper. He stated that the "Southern California Regional Strategy for Goods Movement: A Plan for Action" was finalized and submitted to Sunne McPeak. Ms. McPeak's next follow-up meeting with the principals will be March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pisano also noted that first steps towards implementing the ideas in the policy paper was the Goods Movement Executive Stakeholder Roundtable hosted by SCAG on February 7, 2005. The half-day meeting was attended by 50 people and included Brief public and private sector presentations on the issues facing the region.

It was announced that Mr. Pisano was invited by the Secretary of Resources to become a member of the CEQA Improvement Advisory Committee.

Also Mr. Pisano announced that Keith Killough was selected as the new Director of Information Services. He will start March 2005.

## **5.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

### **5.1 Closed Session**

There was no closed session held.

- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District- Claim for Injuries/Wrongful Death Claim; Case Number: RIC 417340  
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9
- Morrison v. SCAG  
Morrison v. Southern California Association of Governments et al. Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066  
Conference with Legal Counsel Government Code section 54956.9(a)

A report was given in closed session by Counsel. No action was taken.

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005

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Mark Pisano, Executive Director